

Learning the basics



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Kent Barrett, center, assists Webelos Scouts with compass reading at a Cub Scout play day sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 89. Working with their compasses are, from left, Cory Sager, Jordan Hockersmith and Trenton Jones. All six of the second year Webelos, and three of the first year Webelos attended the play day which was held at the Northwest Research-Extension Center. Barrett is the branch president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Troop 89's sponsoring unit. The boys also prepared 'hobo' meals cooked in aluminum foil, and learned map reading skills.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Brown bag Al Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Odd Fellows pancake feed, Community Building  
Senior Citizen potluck, Meadowlark Manor, noon  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.  
Boy Scout Recognition Dinner, Student Union, 7 p.m.  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER  
Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002  
Admissions

Sharann Barnes, Goodland  
Tia Barton and infant male, Colby  
Dalton Belsche, Goodland  
Clarice Blakely, Brewster

Christina Frink, Bird City  
Johanna Mason and infant female, Bird City  
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Claudia Ochoa, Colby  
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Amy's Fashions

Deaths

Vera Ileene Garrett  
MacPhail

Vera Ileene (Keck) Garrett MacPhail, 79, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at her home at Colby.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Colby United Methodist Church, Pastor James Mardock officiating. Private family inurnment services will follow. There will be no visitation. There was cremation.

Mrs. MacPhail is survived by her sons, Gary Garrett, Gem, and Wayne Garrett, Gainsville, Texas; daughter Gwen Silbey, Pierre, S.D.; brother Bill Keck, Colby; sister Ferma Garrett, Colby; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur Garrett in 1952, and her second husband, Winston MacPhail in 1985.

She was born Dec. 23, 1922, at Levant. She was an office clerk for the Social Security Administration.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Services of Thomas County or the Thomas County Historical Society, and may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel.

Lucile E. Evans

Lucile E. Evans, 93, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at Prairie Senior Living Complex, Colby. Funeral arrangements are pending with Harrison Chapel, Colby.

Amy E. Nichols

Graveside services for Amy E. Nichols, 101, were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beulah Cemetery, Colby. Burial followed at the cemetery. She died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Charley Adelbert Nichols; sisters Lillie May Fidler, Maude Caroline Swanlund, and Julie Estella Hartz.

Miss Nichols was born Jan. 2, 1901, in the Cumberland community north of Gem, the second daughter of five children born to Adelbert Frank and Cassie Ann Nichols. She was a member of the Cumberland United Brethren Church and attended the Cumberland Grade School. She graduated from Thomas County High School, Colby, in 1920.

She obtained a bachelors degree from Manchester College, Indiana, in 1939 and her master of science degree from Fort Hays State College in 1950.

Miss Nichols had a 42-year teaching career. She taught at both elementary and high school levels, including seven one-room rural schools in Thomas County. She retired in 1970 and lived in Goodland until her death, living in the Good Samaritan Center since 1997.

Lee Walker

Lee Walker of Hoxie, 78, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at St. John's Rest Home, Victoria.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Presbyterian Church in Hoxie, the Rev. Larry Booth, Colby, officiating. Military rites and honors ceremony was performed by St. John's Military Color Guard, Salina. Inurnment was at the Hoxie Cemetery. The body was cremated.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife,

Betty J. of Hoxie; sons Dennis Lee and Danny Dee, both of Salina; sister Fern Epler of Commerce City, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Clayton Walker of Burr Oak; and two sisters, Lela Brandt of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Bettie Ochs of Salida, Colo.

Mr. Walker was born July 9, 1923, in Sheridan County, to Henry Nelson and Ruby (Harold) Walker. He was raised on the family farmstead and attended grade school at McGraw Country School, and high school in Hoxie.

He went to Fort Whiteside in Topeka, and from there joined the Civilian Conservation Camp in South Dakota. He returned to the family farm in early 1942 and farmed with his father.

He married Margaret Lorimor of Jennings on Aug. 21, 1942. He joined the Merchant Marines in January 1944 and served on convoy ships carrying supplies, receiving his honorable discharge in 1945. Mr. Walker moved to New Mexico after his discharge and worked in heavy construction, then moved back to Kansas to farm again on the family farm when his father became ill. He later started working in the oil fields in New Mexico and Kansas.

On Dec. 31, 1950, he married Betty Boeka in Colby.

He was a member of McCook Eagles Lodge and Hoxie Elks Club, and was a lifetime area resident. He was a retired oil field driller.

Pallbearers were Ross Merritt, Donald Quakenbush, Pat McKenna, Greg McKenna, Jerry McKenna, and Sean Otter. Musicians were Jeff Waggoner, Susan Bowles, and Larry Booth.

Services were conducted by Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, Colby.

Thank You....

The family of Lee Walker is very appreciative of the telephone calls, cards, flowers, and memorials given in his memory.

To all who attended the services - our sincere gratitude.

Betty Walker  
Dennis, Jo & Thad Walker  
Dan & Danielle Walker

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Colby Animal Clinic has a small mixed breed dog in need of a good home. Clinic personnel say she is a cocker spaniel mix, about a year old female, black and white.

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